

The FramingHAM Circuit

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FARA Fleamarket - Oct. 23

Sunday October 23, 1988 is the next FARA FLEA MARKET. As in the past, it will be held at the Framingham Civic League building, 214 Concord St., Framingham.

We will not be able to get in to the Civic League Building for setup until Sunday morning. Because of this we are going to start setup at 6:00am, yes SIX-am.

NOVICE CLASSES

Novice classes are being held at the Framingham Central Library down-stairs in the Children's Room. As usual, classes are under the direction of Ed "He can make anyone a ham" Weiss (WINXC). Pete Simpson (KA1AXY) will be aiding Ed. Registration was Sept. 10th, but there is still time to get into class. Ed will accept new students up to the second Saturday in October.

Classes started on Sept 17, and will run through Dec. 17th. They are held each Saturday from 9:30am to noon at the library. If you have any questions, Ed can be reached at 881-2301. You can get your license.

* John Stacy (W1KIM) is in Newton-Wellesley hospital recovering. Get well soon, John.

If you can't get there that early, come whenever you can.

At this coming meeting, October 6th, you will be allowed to register for setup and other choice jobs. Feel free to call me at home to register to help. Better hurry, only the FIRST 250 people who contact Lew or me will be accepted as OFFS (Official Fara FleaS).

Scanning the Bands

* Bob Callahan (KB1AU) has moved to the Raleigh - Durham area.

* Ted (WB1ECE) and Judy (KA1NPT) Gruber are settling in their Texas QTH. We have a couple of pictures which they sent to us. Their new house looks like a hotel, very nice. Ted should be back on the air soon. I'll see if I can setup a sked with them; I'll keep you posted on the details.

* Scott, son of Sue (KA1DUE) and Arnie (K1BPM) Zunick, was married in August.

* Debbi, daughter of Marsha (KA1JIR) and Dick (WA1KUG) Marshall, was also married in August.

* Lew (K1AZE), son of Simon, and Karen (KA1BYP), daughter of Beverly, Nyman attended Lew's second cousin's, Susan's, wedding.

FARA Meeting

Thursday
Oct. 6th 1988

Well here we are with another season of FARA Fun. Remember this is your club, and if there is something you would like to see added, removed, or changed, speak up!!

About a week prior to the monthly club meeting, there is an executive board meeting. This is where the club officers sit down and discuss what we plan on doing at the coming regular meeting. The idea being, we rather look foolish to each other, rather than in front of the whole club. Sometimes the latter happens anyway; we're all still learning.

These board meetings are almost always open; and anyone is welcome to attend. Speak with Don or me about the location and time for the next board meeting.

VE's Needed for FARA Flea

Dick Marshall (WA1KUG) can use additional VE's for the Oct. 23rd Fleamarket. Dick can be reached at: 877-0563. Check the expiration date on your VE accreditation.

Give 10m a try

There is just one band where everyone can operate phone, 10 meters. 10M has been open quite a bit and can be a lot of fun. 28.390 has been where many FARA members have been gathering. It seems that 28.390 is the official frequency of the FGA (Fara Golfers Association - a group of our more senior members that golf together, rain or shine). Drop in for a chat.

A Nice Evening!

Question: What has a 6,000 pound door, 30 radios, and no problem with vandals? The state Civil Defense headquarters where, through the fine efforts of the club's activity officer, Marc Stern (N1BLH), the club held its first meeting of the season. Details of that meeting, provided by Henry Lee, can be found on the last page.

Marc arranged the meeting with Royce Sawyer (N1BPU) who, acting in behalf of Robert Boolay, the state CD Director, granted FARA permission to use the communication room for its meeting. Club members were given an informative tour of the facilities. A few of us got to bow before FARA's most important shrine, the club repeater.

For Sale

Tandy 1000EX computer. 256K memory, 360K bytes floppy, RGB monitor with stand, DMP-130 printer, 2 joy sticks, software, all interface connections.

Hal (WN1TKD) 533-8904

IBM Monochrome Monitor (real thing): works well, asking \$95.

Quadram four-function Quad Board for the PC/XT. Fully populated with RAM (256K). features extra serial port, clock, parallel printer port. Works well and in good shape. asking \$250

AST color graphics adapter with memory. asking \$150.

Contact, Marc, N1BLH at 467-6585, days, or on the repeater at night.

Heathkit HW-8. QRP cw rig that covers 80, 40, 20, 15 CW. 3W output. This rig can be fun but is not recommended as a primary Novice rig. Working QRP can take patience. \$72

Dick Landau (W1IBN)
Days: 508/467-7041 Evngs:
508/877-3340

Standard C118 xtal controlled walkie. Has simplex and duplex switch. Includes leather case and charger. Xtals installed: 147.15, 146.64, 146.79, 146.82, and 146.52.

Lew (K1AZE) 879-7456

It's your newspaper

You want to write an article? Sound off about something? Share something with us? We're saving this spot for you.

"I've got my license, Now what?"

This will be a series of articles designed for the "soon to be", or new novice. The sort of questions I'll attempt to deal with are: What kind of equipment should you get. What about the "low" bands; should I get on? How much is it going to cost to get on the air? If you have any questions you would like to see discussed here, give me a call (877-3340)

First, I'd like to deal with a few terms the beginner may find confusing. Along the way I'll go into some of the different things in ham radio you may want to get involved with. Take for example the terms, "low bands" and "high bands".

There are lots of ways to classify ham radio activities. We could look at phone vs CW, high power vs low power, DX (talking to distant stations) vs ragchewing; I like to think of ham radio as falling into two categories of activities: LOW bands and HIGH bands.

"LOW bands" is ham radio slang referring to the ham bands falling between 2 and 30 megahertz. "HIGH bands" is a slang term referring to those bands from .30Mhz and higher.

Now get ready to be confused a bit.

The correct technical names for those frequencies between 2 and 30 MHz are MF (Medium Frequency) and HF (High Frequency). The technical names for those frequencies above 30MHz is the VHF (Very High Frequency), UHF (Ultra High Frequency), and SHF (Super High Frequency).

It can be confusing when the HF bands are referred to as "the LOW bands"; and VHF and above is referred to as "the HIGH bands.. This came about because the LOW bands, composed of the High Frequency bands, are lower in frequency than the HIGH bands, which include VHF and above. I am sure that the proceeding has thoroughly confused you. The chart at the bottom of the page may help.

I like the LOW and HIGH bands view of things because, more than being a difference in frequencies, the two bands have a different set of activities. The low bands offer much in the way of "traditional" ham activities and the high bands offer more in the way of avant garde activities as well the 2M band: ham radio's "party line". More next month...

See backpage for meeting minutes

Abbr	Official Name	Freq	Ham Band	Slang term
VLF	Very Low Freq.	DC-30KHz	no ham	
LF	Low Frequency	30-300KHz	no ham	
MF	Medium Freq.	300KHz-3MHz	160M	"LOW BANDS"
HF	High Freq	3-30MHz	80M-10M	" "
VHF	Very High Freq	30-300MHz	6M, 2M, ...	"HIGH BANDS"
UHF	Ultra High Freq	300-3000MHz	440MHz...	" "
SHF	Super High Freq	3000MHz ...	10,000MHz...	" "

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1988 MEETING OF THE FRAMINGHAM AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.

The September meeting of FARA convened at the Mass. Civil Defense Headquarters on Route 9 in Framingham.

Our activities officer, Marc Stern, N1BLH, introduced Royce Sawyer, N1BPU, Communication Officer for the State Department of Civil Defense, who described the operation of the Civil Defense headquarters.

The business meeting opened at 7:41 PM with Don Morse, KALMLM, presiding. The Treasurer's report and the Education Committee's report were presented and accepted by the membership. Feedback on the FARA picnic was solicited; it was revealed that Warren Center in Ashland was a very favorable site, but that there was insufficient advance notice given. It was moved by Eric Kushnick, WA2BWV, and seconded that the Sunday before Labor Day be reserved every year for the club picnic.

After some discussion, it was revealed that smoking at club meetings is not allowed per club bylaws.

Education Committee Chairman Ed Weiss, WLNXC, stated that registration for Amateur Radio classes would take place at the Framingham Public Library Main Branch on September 10 at 9:30 AM.

Lew Nyman, KLAZE, gave the date for the Fall FARA Flea Market and Amateur Exams as being on Sunday October 23, 1988 at the Framingham Civic League building on Concord Street; setup is to take place on Saturday October 22.

Dick Landau, WLIBN, is presently composing the FARA newsletter, and stated that help is needed, especially by those with continuing access to a computer/word processor.

Don Morse, KALMLM, is looking for ideas for future club topics for the entertainment segment of FARA meetings.

Several members expressed interest in a Sunday brunch to take place once each month.

Our Volunteer Examiner, Dick Marshall, WA1KUG, gave information on the Amateur Exams to take place at the flea market site on October 23, and stated that no walk-in registration would be accepted after 11AM.

Wayne Ledder, W1EVL, discussed the need for 2-meter operators to assist in the 275th-Anniversary Medway Parade to take place on Saturday September 24th.

The Field Day report was given by Marc Stern, N1BLH: The club achieved approximately 310 phone and 155 CW contacts for a total score of slightly less than 2000 points.

Marc also mentioned the need for 2-meter operators at the Framingham 10K Walkathon on September 25th, and at the New Hampshire Fly-In at Manchester Airport on September 24 and 25. For anyone interested in helping with the fly-in, it was suggested that that person contact Bob Chin, WB1FHT, or N1FLN.

A suggestion was made that someone check on the status of the ARRL publications donated to the Framingham Public Library by FARA in 1987, since it appeared that they are not currently in the library's collection.

A TV Guide article on hams on Slow-Scan TV between Channels 50 and 70 was mentioned.

A card of thanks for sympathy to the Bruce S. Garber family was presented.

It was moved by Don Morse, KALMLM, and passed, that the Framingham 10K Walkathon be sponsored in honor of juvenile diabetes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 PM for refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted by Henry Lee, KB1PE, Secretary